

## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST OF PEOPLE COMING AND GOING

J. H. Rice has sold his farm to Geo. Merrifield, of Oolaga, Okla.

I. W. Meador was in town Saturday and joined the News family.

E. Romero shipped another car of lumber Friday evening to Duran, N. M.

Frank F. Jennings, the Willard attorney, came up on business Friday.

J. M. Hulen and wife were buying goods of our Estancia merchants Monday.

Coles McCord has bought a claim and located near T. E. Boren's, west of Estancia. Still hey come.

L. C. Cotton is a new man in the valley. He has not located yet, but is looking for a place. Still they come.

T. E. Boren and T. N. Golden went to Belen Friday evening to purchase a carload of horses for the Texas market.

We are informed that "Tom" Husband has sold one of his claims to Mr. Peterson, son-in-law of E. U. Atkinson.

Mrs. L. D. Roberts was in town Friday evening, having come to take Miss Zella to the "farm" at the week end.

W. W. Wagner was in town Friday of last week, looking up title to some land, for some friends who come to locate. Still they come.

Miss Kate Coombs, who has been employed at the Valley Hotel for some time, became afflicted with rheumatism, so that she was forced to take a lay-off.

R. L. Pittman was in town Saturday and subscribed for the News to be sent to a friend at Big Springs, Texas. Mr. Pittman, himself, joined the News family only a week ago.

J. C. Peterson went to Albuquerque Friday evening, to secure a lot of second hand furniture and implements to stock their new store building. He expects to ship in a couple of carloads.

J. M. Wiggins was in Estancia Saturday and joined the News family. Mr. Wiggins is from the Chickasaw country in Oklahoma, and now lives east of the Duncan McGilivray ranches, northeast of Estancia.

S. R. Bivins has sold his farm northeast of town to Mitchel Pickens. On account of the altitude his daughter could not stay here and has gone to Portales. Mr. Pickens is to be congratulated on the fine farm he got.

H. F. Mathews, northwest of town, is digging a new well and reports a hard job. He says he is down forty feet, and thirty of it is in solid rock. His son, Cecil, who is at Corona, has ordered 700 pounds of potatoes shipped to that place, at three cents per pound. Not such a bad price! Mr. Mathews raised 2,600 bushels of spuds, on twenty acres of ground, an average of 130 bushels per acre.

Francisco Zamora was over from Torreon Monday.

W. W. Richards went to his ranch northeast of town Sunday.

E. H. Davis and sons registered at the Commercial Hotel Tuesday.

Attorneys Jennings and Davis, of Willard, came up to Estancia Tuesday.

Henry Marbell came in from the well drill Friday, complaining of la grippe.

H. A. Coomer, general manager of the New Mexico Central, went north Monday.

J. J. Smith, of Bronco, and L. W. Clark, of Mountainair, were Estancia visitors Monday.

J. M. Elgin started Tuesday for Cornell, Wash. He will probably remain there until next October.

H. H. Dady and wife came in Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Dady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark.

Religious services were held last Sunday at all the churches in town. Good audiences, good sermons and enjoyable meetings.

J. W. Wagner has partitioned off a corner of his shop for a sleeping room, and avoids driving to and from the ranch.

C. I. Walker, Claude Lee and W. F. Peel came over from Lucia Monday. Mr. Peel is a new man, seeking a location. Still they come.

C. C. McGuire and W. M. Robinson, from Beattyville, Ky., have been in the city a few days looking around. Mr. McGuire is a baker.

J. M. Latimer, from Wausika, Oklahoma, was in Estancia Saturday looking at the country. We hope he will find a place to suit him.

P. M. Rutherford has bought J. M. Self's farm, a patented place, just across the road from Mr. Rutherford's homestead. The consideration was \$1,200.

On Monday of this week Epler & Carlisle moved the stables from the rear of the lot on which the Valley Hotel stands to the homestead of John Duffy, north of town.

W. R. Reed was in town Wednesday and henceforth will be a member of the News family. We are glad to welcome Mr. Reed, and still have room for a few more.

Rev. H. L. Hoover, of the Seventh Day Adventist church, who lives two and a half miles northwest, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Hoover goes in a short time to attend the Conference of his Church, which includes the Territory of New Mexico and the States of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He intends to take two or three Estancia potatoes with him, in order to show as many of the people are from Missouri.

W. S. Rogers was in town Thursday.

Captain Fred Fornoff went north yesterday.

A. J. Green went to Santa Fe on business Thursday.

T. E. Boren returned from Socorro county Wednesday.

Mrs. Julius Meyer has been on the sick list for a few days.

J. D. Childers has finished a fine job of work on the new brick building. Stop and see it.

Fred Tuttle and wife, made a flying trip to Moriarty, to their claim the first of the week.

Miles Smith and family returned on Wednesday from a visit with friends near Mountainair.

D. D. Smith came home Wednesday from the railroad works, where he has spent several months.

A car of alfalfa hay was unloaded Wednesday. Twenty-one dollars per ton is, we should say, a pretty good price.

J. M. Wood has returned from Roswell, where he has spent five or six months. He will live on his ranch hereafter.

J. W. Collier, Sergeant of the mounted police force went down to Torrance, Wednesday evening, to deliver Carl Dill to an officer from Oklahoma. He returned Thursday.

William King of Tajique, was in town yesterday morning, bringing in a fine young mare he had sold to W. W. Condit. Mr. King has been raising a good grade of horses which have netted him good prices.

Rev. B. W. Means was over from Punta Monday, bringing with him Mrs. Dill who came over to see Carl Dill, who was arrested at Willard and brought here Saturday on advice from the officers of Oklahoma.

J. M. Self and wife started for Las Animas, Colo., Wednesday. Mrs. Self goes by train and Mr. Self will drive through. We are sorry to lose such people, but our loss is the gain of whatever community they may settle in.

Frank A. Lyon, representing the Butterick Pattern Company of New York, was in Estancia Tuesday of this week, in the interest of the firm he represents. He was much impressed by what he saw of the valley, especially the sample products which he saw during his short stay.

J. J. Burke, the traveling salesman for the Lamar Flour mills was in town the first of the week. Mr. Burke has a claim near Mountainair, where his family resides and has a great faith in the valley as a coming wheat country. He says he must sell our people flour now, as before many years, they will be growing their own wheat and he will have to sell elsewhere.

Joe Peterson returned from Albuquerque Thursday.

Sid Harris will hereafter conduct the Estancia Rooming House.

The English Manufacturing Co. expects to start its planing mill and box factory next Monday.

Rev. B. F. Summers started out south of town Friday to visit the Pence, Connor and Roberts families, and perhaps others.

J. H. Sherman Forest Ranger, in the manzano mountains, is taking a vacation and a Mr. Gains is filling his place.

Miss Emma Parrett, one of our county teachers, has received a five year professional certificate from the Territorial Board of Education.

John S. Kelley, manager of the Estancia Lumber Co., accompanied by Mrs. Kelly, expects to go to Albuquerque Saturday evening to spend Sunday with their friends.

Dr. Pfeiffer, president and founder of the Postal Reform League, has issued an open letter to President Taft, in which he estimates that a local parcels post, on all rural routes at a rate of 3 cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound, would make up the deficit, and be a great convenience to farmers and local merchants.

James B. Smith and family will start for the old home in Illinois next Saturday evening, January 29th. Jimmy has three quarter sections of land here now, and has rented two of them, and whether he gets big or little crops the increase in the value of the land, which is sure to come, will make it one of the best investments possible for him to make. After visiting home folks, we hope to see them all back in the Sunshine Valley.

Rev. W. C. Grant came in Thursday on the north bound train accompanied by Rev. J. W. Johnson, Rev. C. G. Walker and Rev. Wadley from Albuquerque. Rev. Shaw from Albuquerque came in from the north in the evening. They are here to attend the Fifth Sunday Baptist Association meeting, which began yesterday and will continue over Sunday.

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### Our Sympathy

is always extended to those in distress, but we have no sympathy to waste on the man who borrows his neighbor's paper when he can have one of his own at a mere nominal expense. Your home paper stands for your interests and the interests of your home town. It deserves your moral and financial support. If you are not a member of our family of readers you should begin now by sending in your subscription.

### Our Merchant Marine

We herewith present a few facts and figures, which we think will prove interesting to our readers. They are taken from an article written for the February Cosmopolitan by Hon. Lewis Nixon, "one of the most prominent naval experts in the world." "Our commerce with foreign nations today aggregates the tremendous total of three and a half billion dollars. Our navy stands second among the navies of the world. We are spending a vast sum to dig the Panama Canal, allowing five billion dollars a year for its up-keep, after its completion. We have set our flag over vast possessions, seven thousand miles away. We have a voice in the world's councils. Our diplomacy brings peace between great nations. Our national credit is secure. We stand first among the nations of the world in natural resources. We have become a power among the world's great powers. It is wonderful, stupendous, magnificent. And yet, let me tell you a few plain facts. At the present moment, to transport our commerce, to support our navy, to uphold American prestige on the high seas, there are, all told only eleven vessels flying the American flag which are engaged in commerce with the great nations of the world. Every year, we pay to foreign nations nearly three hundred million dollars, to carry our commerce for us. Does this stir your blood? Does it seem patriotic— even good business—to allow ninety per cent. of our trade to be carried in foreign ships, retaining only a meager ten per cent. for ourselves? Without the aid of foreigners, our navy would be powerless on the high seas. In the recent world-encircling voyage of the pick of our naval strength, not a single ton of coal was carried in an American bottom. And yet, half a century ago, America was the 'commercial mistress of the seas.' Only think of the tremendous fall, from 'mistress of the seas' to a paltry ELEVEN merchant vessels now carrying our flag in our foreign trade. And what are we going to do about it? Are we not every one of us ashamed of the present condition of our merchant marine? Then let every citizen, with whatever measure of influence he possesses, encourage Congress to adopt some measure to wipe out this national disgrace.—W. H. H.

A pretty Ohio school teacher made the mistake of pinning her belt three years ago with a needle; the needle ran into her back and could not be found. Just the other day it was discovered working out of the arm of one of the trustees of that same school who kept her steady company about the time the needle was lost. It was recognized as being the same needle by the expression of its eye.—The Bungstarter.

Rev. B. W. Means is in town attending the meetings at the Baptist Church.

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### Mount Calvary.

Ralph Carver has returned from Oklahoma. He says he loves his home better.

Sunday was a great day for our people. Brother Walker preached a good sermon. Brother Land made a fine Sunday School talk and also preached a good sermon. Brother McMichaels conducted a prayer meeting Sunday night.

The ladies have purchased a new stove for the school house.

Captain Shaw was out to preaching Sunday.

Joe Land took dinner with B. W. Means Sunday.

Mr. Sullivan is building a new residence and will move to his ranch in a few days.

The Baptist church will hold a protracted meeting Thursday night before the fourth Sunday of next month. Revs. Walker, Land and Means have been invited to assist. We expect a great meeting.

Mr. Demles has just completed a fine residence which cost him something like a thousand dollars. This shows that business men have confidence in our valley.

We have been here four years and our valley is in better shape than ever before.

There is plenty of corn to sell out here at seventy-five cents per bushel. The writer thinks the farmers ought to get together this spring and summer and correspond with other markets in order to find sale for our oats, corn, cabbage, feed stuffs and spuds, for we think this year will be a cracker-jack for us, don't you think so, Bro. Editor?

We certainly think an organization among the farmers for the disposal of their crops would be a splendid thing. And more than that the organization need not necessarily be merely for that one object, but the farmers could with great benefit to one another get together at regular intervals and discuss topics of interest to all, and profit by the experience of one another. Where one has succeeded let him help his neighbors and where one has failed let him warn his neighbors. The disposal of the crops need not necessarily be a detriment to our local merchants, for it would in reality be a benefit, the merchants would know just what amounts of any particular crop is ready for market, and could act more advisedly than working in a hit or miss fashion. Anything we can do to assist in bringing about such organization will be gladly done. Our columns are open for any discussion either pro or con.—Editor.

### Little Minnie Will Walk

There is every reason to believe that little Minnie, ward of the children's home society, will be able to walk before many months.

Dr. J. S. Easterday, P. G. Cornish and W. G. Hope yesterday morning at the children's home performed the operation which it is expected will enable the child to use the feet which since birth have been so deformed that she has had to crawl like a baby. The physicians said last night that apparently the operation was entirely successful and that the child was doing splendidly. She is in the care of a competent nurse and will receive every attention as the feet heal and grow as nature intended they should. It will be a long and tedious wait until the long unused muscles of the legs and ankles assume their proper functions and Minnie walks like other little girls. The progress of the cure will be watched with sympathetic interest by people in all parts of the southwest who have contributed so generously to defray the expense of the child's treatment.—Albuquerque Journal.